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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Scripps Chula Vista
Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego
Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics Association
Harley, M.D., Jim – Children's
Jost, M.D., Peter – Scripps Chula Vista
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
Morikado, M.D., Lisa – Scripps La Jolla
Pacheco, Mike – Co. Paramedics Agencies Committee
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response
Stonecipher, R.N., Joanne – Southwestern College
Zaayer, M.D., Todd – Tri-City
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Gardina, R.N., Les
Marcotte, R.N., Annie
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Murrin, R.N., Patti
Stepanski, Barbara
Vilke, M.D., Gary

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Allington, Linda – North County Fire
Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Medical Serv. Enterprise
Berthiaume, R.N., Shelley – Palomar
Brock, R.N., Sharon – Sharp Grossmont
Buchholz, Gary – El Cajon Fire
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD EMS Fellow
Cerny, Barbara – Encinitas Fire
Colica, Neil – Alvarado
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Eldridge, R.N., Leslie – Sharp Memorial
Garcia, Mike – Chula Vista Fire
Geddes, Mike – S.D. Co. Paramedics Association
George, Greg – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Goldsmith, Donna – League of California Cities
Hudelson, Joe – El Cajon Fire
Johnson, R.N., Mary – Scripps La Jolla
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Nielsen, Rick – Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton
Norris, R.N., Monica – Scripps Mercy
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue
Oshima, Aaron – Mercy Air
Pessl, Aaron – UCSD
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Sallee, Donald – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Simons, Michael – Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton
Smith, Dennis – American Medical Response
Smith, R.N., Susan – San Diego Fire Rescue
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air
Vroman, R.N., Dori – Tri-City
Wilson, M.D., Jack – Alvarado
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Dunford, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Alvarado Hospital is hosting a banquet to recognize providers this evening (November 16, 2004) at 5:30 p.m. There is a guest speaker cardiologist and continuing education units will be offered as well.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

From the previous minutes of October 19, 2004, under the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator's Report, Monica Norris, R.N., will be the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator for 2005 rather than Melody Dotson, R.N.

With the above-mentioned correction, MOTION made by Jim Harley, M.D., Seconded by Steve Zahller, M.D., to approve the minutes of November 16, 2004. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Gary Vilke, M.D.)

Patient Destination Trial: Patients requesting specific facilities to be transported to was at an all time low in October. Also, hospital bypass hours decreased significantly since more thorough monitoring began in 2001.

EMS Oversight Commission: Met on November 12, 2004. Discussed the need for cardiologists to be more involved in San Diego County regarding Twelve Lead as to where patients should be going. The Commission is considering a Stemi Summit with a tentative date of February 23, 2005 to discuss directions on how to collect data.

Do Not Resuscitate: Discussion ensued regarding a question an EMT has posed to Dr. Vilke. "When a patient has slight difficulty breathing or labored respirations; what about assisted ventilation—is that considered resuscitation or comfort?" Some BSPC attendees felt it was comfort, some resuscitation.

Air Medical Guidelines: Were sent out directed primarily to the field providers.

EMS Chief Position: The EMS Chief position has not yet been posted. The position will be combined with both EMS and Disaster Preparedness functions.

Base Hospitals: The base hospitals continue to be a vital function of the EMS system and there is no plan to eliminate them. The base hospitals play a significant role with the acute care patients and destination decisions.

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Linda Broyles, R.N.)

Two Annex D's occurred; one on September 26, 2004 and one on October 25, 2004.

V. POLICY UPDATES

Policy S-004 and S-409 were brought forward for review and input. **ACTION: Dr. Dunford asked attendees to review these policies at home and get input back to the County EMS office as soon as possible.**

VI. STANDING ORDERS

From the Protocol Revision Task Force the topic regarding continuing Standing Orders after base hospital contact was brought forward. For example, there is an asthma patient and the paramedic calls the base, when do Standing Orders cease and can Standing Orders be continued after base hospital contact, and when do subsequent orders come from the base?

Several attendees offered their opinions. Once base hospital contact is made, the medical direction shifts to the base. References to studies in Los Angeles and Orange Counties were made and an informational write-up from Los Angeles County titled “Base Hospital Contact and Transport Criteria” was distributed by Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Sharp Memorial.

ACTION: Mark Kramer, M.D., Sharp Memorial, recommended that a discussion of continuing Standing Orders be placed on the January 18, 2005 BSPC agenda. (Dr. Vilke will include this discussion with the scheduled January review of Protocol Recommendations.

ACTION: Leslie Ridgeway, R.N., Sharp Memorial, urged attendees to review the Anaheim Standing Order project which defines who is responsible for documentation and who is responsible for what.

**VII. SERIAL INEBRIATE PROGRAM: IMPACT ON ED AND EMS
Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

ACTION: Tabled until January 18, 2005 BSPC meeting.

**VIII. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM (HACOT)
(Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

HACOT will meet tomorrow November 17, 2004 with Nancy Bowen, M.D., County Public Health Officer and Judith Yates, Healthcare Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties as co-chairs. HRSA funding has been dominating the recent meetings agendas.

The deliverables on the HRSA funding Statement of Work were due October 29, 2004 for Year Two. The goal for San Diego County with HRSA funding is to plan for surge capacity for 1,500 patients over a four-hour period. Year Three HRSA funding will amount to \$2.3 million dollars and the plan is due to the State by November 29, 2004; a short time frame turnaround.

IX. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

There is a statewide drill planned for Thursday, November 18, 2004 in which some hospitals and clinics in San Diego County are participating. The disaster drill topic is botulism.

X. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2005

ACTION: Dr. Dunford volunteered to continue to be Chair for 2005.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 11:00 a.m. at the Sharp Spectrum Administration Building, 8695 Spectrum Center Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS